I was extremely proud to attend the Macarthur TeachMeet last Thursday evening as Mrs Pearce, Mrs Riley and Mrs Wear provided a presentation of their successful experiences implementing the Open Learning Space in Kindergarten this year. TeachMeet is an opportunity for educators from all sectors of education to share innovative practices, discuss strategies to enhance learning for our students and engage in sharing ‘best practice’ as we address the changing needs of learners in the 21st Century. Currans Hill is leading the way and receiving great feedback and recognition from colleagues in other schools. If you would like to know more about ‘Open Learning Spaces’ there will be a presentation at the P&C meeting on Wednesday 22 October at 7.00 pm. I encourage you to come along and be well informed about this initiative.

SCHOOL EVALUATION
The process of planning for the 2015 school year has commenced. The opinions of parents are valued and you are encouraged to take this opportunity to contribute to the Evaluation. The school will complete our whole school evaluation in the area of School Culture – this includes Cultural Context, Cultural Learning, Cultural Improvement and Developing Ownership. All families are asked to complete the survey sent home with today’s Newsletter and return it to the office by Friday 31 October. Surveys are anonymous and give you the chance to contribute to our school evaluation.

I would like to express my thanks to the school P&C for their amazing support in organising the canteen at the Cricket Gala Day last Friday. We had a small, but very enthusiastic group working together very successfully. I would especially like to mention Mr Marsh, Mr McCarley, Mr Kiss and Mr Herrmann for their help on the day and the McCarthy family for their generosity in allowing us to use their ‘ute’. All of your efforts are greatly appreciated!

WAITING AREAS
A reminder to parents to avoid areas outside classrooms when dropping off and picking children up from school. Having parents and pre-schoolers outside the classrooms can be distracting to class/school routines. We thank you for your consideration.

I have been informed of some recent incidents that are reflecting negatively on the image of our school. The children involved have not been identified, however members of the wider community report the children involved ‘were wearing Currans Hill school uniform’. I would like to remind all families of the importance of supervision for children that is appropriate and remind students that whenever they are wearing their school uniform they are representing our school. Be a proud member of our school community and be safe and respectful at all times.

NO HAT- PLAY IN THE SHADE
Does your child remember to bring their hat to school every day? As the weather is becoming warmer the school will focus on implementation of this policy for the well-being and health of our children. Families are reminded that children need to have a hat to play in the playground with their friends. Children who do not have a hat are required to play in the shade.

A reminder to all families that for the safety of our children access to the school is limited to the pedestrian gates. Families are not permitted to use the Staff Car Park and must avoid entering and exiting the school through this area. We thank you for your continued co-operation!

Mrs Flegg
Principal
HEAD LICE
Parents of all students are asked to regularly check their child’s head and ensure that the treatment described as the “Comb and condition method” be used regularly. ALL families need to be active in helping the school and our children to overcome this problem! Children CAN NOT be excluded from school with Head Lice and Head Lice treatment is NOT an acceptable reason for NOT attending under the Policies of the NSW Department of Education and Communities.
NSW Health advises that head lice resistance has increased. If head lice are not present, NSW Health advise not to treat a person’s hair as this may contribute to the problem of resistance.
NSW Health recommends the “comb and conditioner method” for treatment of head lice where hair is combed with hair conditioner. This method may be more acceptable than some advocated in the past and does not require the purchase of chemical treatment products. NSW Health also suggests that it is not necessary to purchase expensive hair conditioner and that cheap white hair conditioner is sufficient when using the “comb and conditioner method”. Information about the “comb and conditioner method” is available on the NSW Health website at http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/headlice/treatment/index.htm#comb

Selective High School Placement
Selective high schools are one strategy used by the Department of Education and Communities to cater for the learning needs of gifted and talented students. If you would like your child to go to a selective high school in Year 7 in 2016, you will need to apply soon.

All applications should be made online through an Internet connection. The website where you will find all the necessary information, including the list of selective high schools and the application portal is: www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement

PAYMENT REMINDERS
19/9 Teen Ranch Yr 4
21/10 Gym Payment Kindy

LIBRARY NEWS
Scholastic Book Fair
A Scholastic Book Fair will be held in the library from Wednesday 29th October - Wednesday 5th November. There will be a wide range of books available for purchase. If you are interested in getting a sneak peek of some of the books we will have for sale, you can collect a catalogue from the library. Please refer to the letter with this newsletter for further information. All purchases made will benefit our school! Miss Johnson

PRINCIPAL’S AWARDS

Special mention to: Patricia Leung 5/6T who has reached the level of Principal’s Medallion. Congratulations.

Your award will be presented at your next scheduled assembly.

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL RIBBONS
The Athletics Carnival Ribbons will be handed out at this week’s Primary Assembly. All parents and carers are welcome to attend. Please remember that due to the late return of some of our swim scheme students the Assembly will commence at 12:30.
**Sponsorship For PRESENTATION DAY**

The end of the school year is fast approaching and planning is now well underway for our Annual Presentation Ceremony. On this day we celebrate our students’ achievements during 2014. In accord with our Student Welfare Policy and to encourage community support for promoting excellence in our school, we would like to acknowledge outstanding students through the presentation of book awards. We are therefore seeking community and business sponsorship for these awards.

If you, or someone you know may be interested in sponsoring one of our annual awards through their business, we would love to hear from you. Please contact Mrs Wilson through the school office.

**ICE CREAM DAY**

Year 6 will be holding an Ice Cream Fundraiser on Wednesday 29 October during lunch time. The cost will be $2 per item.

**THANK YOU**

A big thank you to Penny Kee for the kind donation of paper, cardboard and craft supplies.

**Canteen Thanks**

Lorraine would like to express her thanks for the kindness shown to her by many parents last week. In particular, a BIG thank you to Hannah for her help and understanding.

**Whole School & Yr 6 Graduation Photo**

A reminder that the whole school photo and Year 6 Graduation photo will be held THIS Wednesday 22 October. Please ensure you arrive at school on time so you don’t miss out!

**ITS ACADEMIC!**

Finally! The time has arrived. After 8 months of patiently waiting Currans Hill Public School ‘Its Academic’ episodes are planned to go to air Monday 27th, Tuesday 28th, Wednesday 29th, Thursday 30th and Friday 31st October, on Channel 7TWO at 7:30am. The other schools that we competed against were Trinity Grammar School and St Brendan’s Primary School (Annandale).

If for some reason you are unable to watch it at the scheduled times, the school will be sent a DVD of these episodes, after it has aired, which we hope to be able to watch in the school hall at a later date.

Mrs Burke

**GRANDPARENTS DAY**

In celebration of the amazing contributions made to family life by the many Grandparents in our school community we will be hosting an Open Day and Picnic Lunch. Classrooms will be open for visits from 10-11am. The Scholastic Book Fair will also be running during this time in the library, and visitors will have an opportunity to take their children and/or grandchildren to purchase a book or just take the opportunity to read one together. There will be an opportunity to share a picnic lunch with family members from 11am-11.45am and as such families may wish to pack a picnic. Year 6 students will also be hosting Ice Cream Day during lunch time. Ice cream cones and ice cream spiders will be available for purchase.

**On the move?**

Are you leaving Currans Hill Public School at the end of the 2014 school year?

If so, we need to know!

Please advise the school office as soon as possible to assist with our planning for 2015.

**Whizz Kids Workshops**

Is your child gifted, talented, intelligent, curious, creative and filled with promise?

Limited spaces are now available for your child to take part in our fun and inspiring enrichment programs.

Programs are being held over 2 days in March, May, August and October 2015, the cost is $90 per day or $165 per weekend. For more information contact 1300 677 336 or www.inspirationeducation.com.au

**Challenging Behaviours Workshop**

The workshop is aimed at parents only with children diagnosed with ADHD, Oppositional Defiant Disorder, Conduct Disorder or challenging behaviour.

Where: Buzy Bee Kindy 102 Merlin St, The Oaks

When: Thursday 5 Feb 2015 and each Thursday until 26 March

Time: 6:30 – 8:30pm

Cost: Gold coin donation

To register

Unfortunately there is no child care available.

The Department of Education and Communities and Currans Hill Public School in no way endorses any of the products or services mentioned in the following advertisements. Their distribution with our Newsletter is a community service.

Inclusions with today’s newsletter:

- Parent Survey
- Scholastic Book Fair
- Year 5 - Yr 7 Entry to Selective HS 2016
- Campbelltown Community Preschool